

REGULARS HAVE OWN TROUBLES

Republican Congressional Committee Repudiates Statement.

MAY PRECIPITATE LIVELY ROW

Representative Tawney Says He First Say Attack on Insurgents in Newspapers and Places Blame on McKinley and Loudenslager—Intimate President Taft Perused Document Before Given to Public—Columbus Congressman in Bad.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The statement, purporting to come from the Republican congressional committee, in which notice was given that the insurgents were little better than Democrats and that their recent activities placed them outside the pale of their party, promises to precipitate the liveliest kind of a row among the regulars of the house.

It is now announced that the statement, which kicked up a lot of excitement, was not authorized by the Republican congressional committee as represented, but was given out for publication by Representative McKinley of Illinois and Henry C. Loudenslager of New Jersey, chairman and secretary respectively of the campaign organization.

Tawney Lets Cat Out of Bag. The first intimation that the statement was not authorized by the committee itself, but by some of its officers, came from Vice Chairman James A. Tawney of Minnesota. "The



REPRESENTATIVE MCKINLEY. Blamed for Publication of Alleged Congressional Committee Report.

statement that appeared in the newspapers purporting to come from the Republican congressional committee never came under my eye until I saw it in print," said Mr. Tawney. That is all Mr. Tawney would say on the subject. He refused to say whether he approved of the sentiments expressed or regarded the action of Chairman McKinley and Secretary Loudenslager as improper.

Following the publication of the statement came reports that it had been approved by President Taft. There is little or no evidence in support of the assertion, although it is believed that he read the statement before it was given to the public.

A caucus of the Republicans will be held tomorrow night to ratify the selections of the various state delegations of their nominees to the Republican congressional committee. The insurgents will take advantage of the opportunity to say some sharp things about Chairman McKinley and Secretary Loudenslager, and the affair may wind up in a fight.

FEAR WRATH OF PEOPLE

Cannon's Friends Remain Loyal in Face of Own Defeat.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Many of Speaker Cannon's friends in the house would be greatly pleased if he would only make a statement that he is satisfied with the errors that have been heaped upon him in his long public career and would not be a candidate for re-election to the speakership in the Sixty-first congress. As it now stands they feel that they are in line for retirement to private life as a result of their loyalty to "Uncle Joe."

One of the biggest Republicans in the house, a man who is respected by Republicans and Democrats alike for his ability as a member and his integrity as a man, said that he had no doubt his refusal to repudiate the speaker would lose him the nomination in his district next fall. Another of the house leaders has repeatedly made the statement, not for publication, to the same effect. Yet neither of these men has the slightest idea of coming out either for public or for private official effect with any statement remotely resembling this.

Says He Likes Present Berth. "I might save my neck," said one of the two, "if I did that sort of thing, but I won't. I like this job I

have got representing the people of my district and I would be mighty sorry to lose it, but if the worst comes to worst, I can go back to practicing law. I always can make a good living at that. One thing is certain. When I am all alone and go to my room at night and go to bed with myself, I want to be blamed certain that I have a decent bedfellow."

This member commented on the recent performance of Representative Taylor of Ohio, who, after being appointed by Speaker Cannon to a post on the appropriations committee, one of the most desirable places in all the committee list of the house, came out the other day with a statement that he would not vote for Cannon for speaker of the Sixty-second congress and inferentially that he opposed Mr. Cannon and the so-called issue of Cannonism. Mr. Taylor made a lot of enemies by the statement.

The situation in the house is getting more acute every minute; there seems to be no doubt of that. The spanking of the house organization by a combination of insurgents and Democrats the other day seems to have had an astonishing moral effect, or, as the regulars choose to put it, an "immoral" effect. There is the liveliest kind of hit-em-again talk on every side, and the Democrats are eager in their proffer of assistance to the Republican members who are living outside the borders of their reservation.

INSURGENTS HOLD CAUCUS

Representative Gardner Denies They Are Opposed to Administration.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The conference of the insurgents lasted until an early hour this morning, and at its conclusion Representative Gardner of Massachusetts gave out the following authorized statement:

"In an effort to becloud the real issue, an unfair and malicious attempt is being made to represent us as opposed to President Taft's administration and policies. There is not even a semblance of truth in this accusation. Without exception we are firm supporters of Republican doctrine and of President Taft's administration. We are banded together for a single purpose and for no other. Our sole aim as a body is to restore to the house of representatives complete power of legislation in accordance with the will of a majority of its members. We are striving to destroy the system of autocratic control which has reached its climax under the present speaker."

Senate Adopts Resolution. Washington, Jan. 11.—At a brief session of the senate the resolution introduced by Senator Jones of Washington, directing an investigation by a joint committee of congress into the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy, was reported from the house committee by Senator Nelson and passed after brief debate, and after an amendment offered by Newlands of Nevada permitting the appearance of counsel before the investigating committee had been voted down.

Washington, Jan. 12.—The anti-Cannon fever has broken out among the Ohio delegation in congress to an extent that is alarming to the regulars. After a meeting of the state delegation, called for the purpose of selecting Ohio's representative on the Republican congressional committee, the statement was made by a member who was present that practically all of them declared that if Mr. Cannon was a candidate for speaker in the next house they would be obliged to vote against him. It was also developed that three members of the delegation, Representatives Cole, Howland and Taylor, have already announced that in the future they must be classed as anti-Cannon Republicans.

A great deal of significance is attached to the situation in the delegation representing President Taft's home state. No formal resolutions were adopted by the Ohioans, but another conference to consider the matter will be held later.

Representative Aubrey Thomas was selected to succeed Representative Nicholas Longworth as Ohio's member of the congressional committee.

MAKES DENIAL EMPHATIC

Speaker Cannon Positively Refuses to Obliterate Himself.

Washington, Jan. 12.—Speaker Cannon, when asked to say something concerning the reports in general circulation that as a result of the bitter factional fight in the house, he was, or had been, recently thinking of quitting, said:

"These imaginary stories dealing with my retirement are getting to be the regular thing. Hereafter I am not going to take the trouble to deny them. But I will say now, once and for all, that I am not thinking of resigning and will not resign. I have repeatedly stated that I intended to die in the harness, and the only thing that will make me change my mind will be the failure of the people of my district to re-elect me to my seat in the house."

Nothing could have been more emphatic than the manner in which the speaker made this statement. Apparently unworried, never more vigorous, Mr. Cannon did his best to put a status once and for all on the reports that as a concession to his long but harassed friends in the house he was contemplating making an announcement that would not be a candidate for the speakership of that body in the Sixty-second congress.

Dwight's Action Significant.

Significant action was taken by Representative Dwight of New York, the Republican whip of the house, when he ordered the Republican pair clerks not to make up any more pairs until approved by him. As soon as Representative Underwood of Alabama, the acting minority leader, learned of this, he sent Representative Garner of Pennsylvania, acting minority whip, to the Democratic pair clerks to say that no more applications for pairs should be considered unless submitted in writing and approved by him.

Sober consideration of their victory over the house organization last Friday, with all that it means, while it apparently has not resulted in making any of the dyed-in-the-wool insurgents weaken in their position, has brought to them at any rate more serious appreciation of the gravity of their position and the position of their party. The insurgents continue to claim that the statement purporting to have come from the Republican congressional committee, but in reality issued by two of its officers, Chairman McKinley and Secretary Loudenslager, did not have the endorsement and approval of President Taft. Organization men around the house end of the capitol are just as emphatic in their claim that Mr. Taft read their statement and that it was issued with his full approval. But even the most rabid insurgent, when he contemplates the president's patronage declaration, this purported congressional committee statement and the consequences that may follow nonparticipation in the Republican caucus soon to be called to select the majority members of the Ballinger-Pinchot committee of investigation, finds food for thought. Most of the insurgents are wavering, apparently. In one thing, judging from their lack of concerted decision as to whether they would or would not attend this caucus, indications from expressions of some of the leading insurgents are that they will. On the contrary, rather remarkably, Representative Butler Ames of Massachusetts, who is not an insurgent one

little bit, although he may be a trifle sore over disappointments, but who voted against the organization, he says, because of his personal friendship for Mr. Pinchot, declares he will not attend the caucus. Altogether the situation is delightfully mixed up, but may straighten out before the caucus is called or meets.

There is no reason why the insurgents should not attend the Republican caucus tonight, called to ratify the selection by each state delegation of one of its number for membership on the Republican congressional committee. It is the other caucus, dealing with the committee selection phase of the Pinchot-Ballinger angle of the house row, that will be the real test.

Can you believe your senses?

When two of them, taste and smell, having been impaired if not utterly destroyed, by Nasal Catarrh, are fully restored by Ely's Cream Balm, can you doubt that this remedy deserves all that has been said of it by the thousands who have used it? It is applied directly to the effected air-passages and begins its healing work at once. Why not get it today? All druggists or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren Street, New York, on receipt of 50 cents.

OBITUARY

Sara Louise Benson

Sara Louise Benson, the ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Benson, who reside about one mile north of the city, died Monday afternoon at the home of her parents at about two thirty o'clock after a several weeks' illness caused by a tumor in the side. The funeral at the M. E. church Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock. Rev. G. A. Reeder officiating. Interment in Mound View cemetery.

Charles Wilbur Phifer

Sad news was received in the city Tuesday announcing the death of Mr. Charles Wilbur Phifer, formerly of Mt. Vernon, which occurred at 6:25 o'clock this morning at his home in Pittsburgh, Pa. His death was due to pneumonia. The deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Phifer of this city, who were present at his bedside when death occurred, having been summoned to Pittsburgh Monday afternoon. Mr. Phifer was well known in Mt. Vernon where he lived for many years. He attended the city schools and graduated from the high school in 1895. Later he attended Ohio Wesleyan university. For the past several years he had been engaged in business in Pittsburgh. The funeral services will be held at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at the parlors of Edgar Eaton, funeral director, 751 Ross avenue, Pittsburgh. The remains will probably be brought here for burial.

FOR SALE—10-room house in Martinsburg, Knox county, suitable either for dwelling or hotel. Two store rooms in front, located on main street, good barn and outbuildings. Inquire of C. A. McCommet, executor, Martinsburg, Knox county, or S. R. Gotshall, attorney, Mt. Vernon, O.

PEOPLE FURNISH PROBE MATERIAL

Tell Beatty How Storage Men Rob Consumers.

ENORMOUS PROFITS REALIZED

Farmer Who Sold Plums to Bowling Green Grocery Combine at 90 Cents a Bushel Found Them Retailing on Market at \$3—Attorney General Denman to Rush Resolution Providing For Legislative Probe Into Conditions.

Columbus, O., Jan. 11.—People from all over Ohio are flooding Senator Beatty's mail with letters describing the methods adopted by cold storage men, commission men, grocers and butchers to boost the prices of food commodities.

The facts brought out in the letters are of such a startling nature that he has decided to ask for a suspension of the rule forbidding the introduction of bills before Jan. 24, in order that he may present a resolution providing for a bipartisan probe of conditions which have resulted in the high prices of food products.

His idea is to collect enough evidence to bring actions under the Valentine anti-trust law against coal exchanges, organizations of storage men, produce exchanges, insurance men, middle men of all kinds and retailers who deal in meat and farm products. He has formed the opinion that violations of the law are common, basing his opinion on the information which has come to him in letters which have been written to him since last Friday.

From Cleveland comes the statement that apples bought by cold storage men at \$1.25 in the fall are being held at \$3.50 and \$4.50 a barrel.

Farmer's Experience With Plums. According to a farmer living at Waterville, Lucas county, he took a load of choice plums to Bowling Green, but was unable to secure more than 90 cents a bushel, although he offered them at every grocery in the city. Afterwards he learned that his plums were retailed at \$3 a bushel. Other informants insist that there are combinations of cold storage men, grocers and butchers, who adhere rigidly to prices fixed by their organizations.

Attorney General Denman, after a conference with Senator Beatty, agreed to draft a resolution for the appointment of a legislative committee to probe trusts and combinations that have increased the cost of living, and also to draft a bill limiting the time food products can be held in cold storage. Mr. Denman suggests that the limit be made 30 days instead of 60 days, as first proposed by Senator Beatty. He will hold a conference with Dairy and Food Commissioner Dunlap and will later present to the legislature expert testimony showing deterioration in food held for long periods in cold storage. The resolution will be introduced this week and will carry an appropriation of \$2,500 for the preliminary expenses of the committee.

Opposition Develops Early.

Opposition to the cold storage bill has already made its appearance, the objection raised being that it will require an army of inspectors to enforce it, but Senator Beatty will meet this objection by providing for its enforcement by the inspectors in the dairy and food department. In this connection, suggestion is made of a consolidation of the dairy and food department, the department of inspection of workshops and factories and possibly the bureau of inspection and supervision of public offices into one law-enforcing department.

Lobbyists in the employ of the insurance companies are already working among the legislators against the bill to abolish the state inspection bureau and providing that the state insurance commissioner shall fix insurance rates.

Columbus, O., Jan. 12.—The enthusiasm aroused by the proposed legislative probe into high prices of food stuffs has created a panic in the ranks of the cold storage men, three of whom called upon Senator Beatty, father of the movement, and poured their tales of woe into his unsympathetic ears. One, the manager of a large restaurant in this city, told Mr. Beatty that he was on the wrong scent when he blamed the cold storage men for present high prices; that the tariff is the real offender. He stated that his firm has 7,000 dozen eggs bought when prices were at the bottom in cold storage, and that if they did not have them on hand they would now be compelled to raise the price of hen fruit to their customers.

It is believed that by the latter part of next week the legislative probe will be under full headway. The committee will contain two Democrats and two Republicans, named by Lieutenant Governor Treadway and Speaker Mooney. Provision for their appointment will be made today

through a resolution prepared by Attorney General Denman and introduced by Senator Beatty. It is also expected that Governor Harmon will address a special message to the legislature on the subject of high prices.

Visit Principal Cities.

The committee will visit Cleveland, Toledo, Dayton, Cincinnati and Springfield in its endeavor to learn the true inwardness of the conditions now confronting the people of the state. While in Cleveland they will investigate the system of wireless telegraphy or mental telepathy by which all the milk dealers recognize the exact psychological moment to raise the price of the lactical fluid to 8 cents a quart in the fall and lower it to 7 cents in the spring. Also the process by which ice dealers raise the price on the same day in the spring. In Toledo the price of milk will receive attention. Bread trusts are said to exist in Springfield and Dayton, and these will come in for close investigation. In Cincinnati the fight between the farmers who produce the milk—the Tri-State Farmer and Dairyman's association—and the Hamilton County Milk Dealers' association, will be the chief subject of inquiry. In all parts of the state the workings of cold storage houses will be gone into.

In Senator Beatty's mail was a letter from a man at Sidney that recites how one dealer has used Standard Oil methods to crush competition among dealers in food products till prices there are forcing some people to go hungry.

Still another from E. O. Bowerman, an attorney of Springfield, urges that all licensing power be taken away from cities. Bowerman makes the direct charge that in almost all instances "hucksters" license ordinances have been framed at the instigation of the dealers. He tells how Springfield Retail Grocers' association has served notice on one commission man that it will withdraw all trade from him if he does not stop selling to a department store that has been cutting prices on the necessities of life.

Wants People to Help.

Beatty wants every person in the state who has anything in his system on the subject to send in his testimony or his suspicions. His theory is to get the evidence, then figure on the remedy.

In the senate Governor Harmon's veto of the Gillette county recorder bill, seeking to increase the salaries of such officers, was read, and on motion of Senator Gillette the bill was indefinitely postponed.

Rathbun bill No. 1, amending the Rathbun quadrangle appraisal law, was passed. The amendments provide that vacancies on village boards be filled by council; salary of village assessors shall be not less than \$3.50 per day and not more than \$150 per month; gives county auditor authority to say how long it shall take to make assessment in villages and townships; in case one-twentieth of 1 per cent is not sufficient to pay expenses of appraisal in cities, county commissioners may make additional appropriation.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a very valuable medicine for throat and lung trouble, quickly relieves and cures painful breathing and a dangerously sounding cough which indicates congested lungs. Sold by all dealers.

HIGH PRICE Of Food Products To Be Investigated At Once

Columbus, O., Jan. 12.—Governor Harmon sent a message to the legislature this morning asking legislative investigation of the high prices of food products. The senate unanimously adopted a resolution introduced by Senator Beatty for the appointment of a committee of four to inquire into all trade agreements.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy never disappoints those who use it for obstinate coughs, colds and irritations of the throat and lungs. It stands unrivalled as a remedy for all throat and lung diseases. Sold by all dealers.

Laymen's Missionary Movement

Greensboro N. C., Jan. 12.—There was a gratifying attendance today at the opening here of the first convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in North Carolina. Nearly every city and town of any importance in North Carolina was represented among the delegates. Prominent speakers from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and other points are scheduled to address the convention during the three days that it will continue in session.

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Foolish question! Yet some people act as if a medicine could take the place of a doctor! The best medicine in the world cannot do this. Have a family doctor, consult him frequently, trust him fully. If we did not believe doctors endorsed Ayer's Cherry Pectoral for coughs and colds, we would not offer it to you. Ask your doctor. No alcohol in this cough medicine. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

If we did not believe doctors endorsed Ayer's Pills for constipation, biliousness, sick-headache, we would not offer them to you. Ask your own doctor about this.

SOCIETY NOTES

Choir Goes Bob-sledding.

The members of the choir of Hope-well church, in Pleasant township, and a few of their friends assembled at the church Tuesday evening and took a bob-sled ride to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCalla, where an oyster supper was served and the evening was delightfully spent in music and games.

Gambler People Enjoy Sled Ride.

A party of young people of Gambler enjoyed a bob sled ride to Mt. Vernon Tuesday evening. The party went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Mitchell of East Lamertine street where the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner, in games and music. Supper was served to the party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. William Tisot of Mt. Vernon and Messrs Raymond Lyle of Mt. Vernon, Clifford Brentlinger of Mt. Vernon and Earl Mason Paul West, Charles Seigrist and the Misses Elizabeth Welker, Ollie Carlsle, Rachael Thompson, Winnifred Parker, Helen Thompson, Mabel Young, Helen Wright and H. K. Doolittle of Gambler.

Saved at Deaths Door

The door of death seemed ready to open for Murray W. Ayers, of Transit Bridge, N. Y., when his life was wonderfully saved. "I was in a dreadful condition," he writes, "my skin was almost yellow; eyes sunken, tongue coated; emaciated from losing 40 pounds, growing weaker daily. Virulent liver trouble pulling me down to death in spite of doctors. Then that matchless medicine—Electric Bitters—cured me. I regained the 40 pounds lost and now am well and strong." For all stomach, liver and kidney troubles they're supreme. 50c. at G. R. Baker & Son's, Mt. Vernon; F. Fink, Fredericktown.

BIRTHS

A daughter was born Tuesday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Simpkins of West Sugar street.

Mr. J. H. Jenkins went to Columbus Monday, a delegate from Knox county Corn Improvement association to attend the state corn show Monday and Tuesday. He will go to Newark Wednesday to attend Col. Crawford's sale of imported horses.

A Wild Blizzard Raging

brings danger, suffering—often death—to thousands, who take colds, coughs and grippe—that terror of Winter and Spring. Its danger signals are "stuffed up", nostrils, lower part of nose sore, chills and fever, pain in back of head, and a throat-grinding cough. When Grip attacks, as you value your life, don't delay getting Dr. King's New Discovery. "One bottle cured me," writes A. L. Dunn, of Pine Valley, Miss., "after being 'laid up' three weeks with Grip." For sore, lungs, hemorrhages, Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, Bronchitis, Asthma, is supreme, 50c. \$1. Guaranteed by G. R. Baker & Son, Mt. Vernon; F. Fink of Fredericktown.

BANKS ELECT OFFICERS

First National

The stockholders of the First National bank at the annual meeting Tuesday elected directors: H. H. Greer, Ben Ames, R. M. Greer, E. R. Cooper and S. E. Daugherty. Officers will be elected Tuesday evening.

Centerburg Savings

The following directors have been elected by the Centerburg Savings bank: Mark Cook, C. H. Bishop, C. W. Coe, J. D. Vail, George M. Shaffer, W. H. Mitchell, W. M. Carlisle, M. Burr Talmage and Harry Bell.

The Officers are:

President—H. C. Bishop.
Vice President—C. W. Coe.
Cashier—Harry Bell.

Buckeye City

At the annual meeting of the stockholders Tuesday these directors were elected by the Buckeye City

bank: E. P. Rice, N. H. Hunter, D. S. Workman, John Gardner, A. J. Solomon, Stephen Blubaugh, John L. Hammond.

Farmers and Merchants

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers & Merchants' National Bank held Tuesday afternoon the following directors were elected: J. N. Braddock, Frank V. Owen, Warner E. Sharpe, Lewis B. Houck, A. J. Solomon, Eli A. Wolfe, Chris Cox, James A. Schaeffer, Leander Hayes, George E. McCuller.

New Knox National

The stockholders of the New Knox National bank elected the following directors at a meeting Tuesday afternoon: D. B. Kirk, Dwight E. Sapp, W. P. Bogardus, John M. Ewalt, Henry C. Devin, Charles F. Colville, Frank Moore and Ralph C. Ringwalt.

The directors elected the following officers for the institution:

President—D. B. Kirk.
Vice President—Dwight E. Sapp.
Cashier—Wm. A. Ackerman.
Assistant Cashier—J. H. McFarland.

Teller—L. H. Ackerman.

Bookkeeper—L. F. Lee.
Stenographer—L. I. Rudolph.

First National Centerburg

Centerburg, O., Jan. 12.—Manuel Grandie, J. W. Condit, L. W. Dally, John Sellers, W. H. Brokaw, T. D. Uptide, I. S. Harmer, W. M. Hicks were elected directors of the First National Bank of Centerburg at the annual meeting of the stockholders held yesterday.

First National Fredericktown

Fredericktown, Jan. 12.—The stockholders of the First National bank elected the following directors yesterday: J. N. Braddock, C. G. Swetland, J. H. Dickey, C. R. Levering, J. C. Swetland, A. J. Solomon, R. G. McClelland.

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East

No. 14 5:50 a. m.
No. 4 11:18 a. m.
No. 16 6:42 p. m.
No. 8 7:29 p. m.

West
No. 7 8:25 a. m.
No. 17 8:47 a. m.
No. 3 2:44 p. m.
No. 15 8:50 p. m.

No. 16 and 17 daily except Sunday. Other trains daily.

C. & A. C. R. R.

South Bound
*No. 506 12:41 a. m.
*No. 520 9:58 a. m.
*No. 504 7:44 p. m.
*No. 518 11:00 a. m.

*No. 205 12:36 p. m.
*No. 508 5:15 p. m.
*No. 500 9:37 p. m.

North Bound

*No. 507 2:25 a. m.
*No. 601 7:24 a. m.
*No. 509 8:19 a. m.
*No. 503 1:20 p. m.

*No. 505 5:53 p. m.
*No. 519 6:52 p. m.
*No. 521 7:10 p. m.

*Daily.

*Daily except Sunday.

*Sunday only.